	AT-LARGE	WARD	HYBRID/AT-LARGE FIELD	HYBRID/AT-LARGE BY-PLACE	HYBRID/DISTRICT
Overview	Voters participate in every aspect of the election for every councilmember.	Voters in a geographic ward participate in the election of one councilmember.	Voters choose one ward councilmember and all at-large councilmembers who run in a field race citywide.	Voters choose on ward councilmember and all at-large councilmembers who run for specific seats citywide.	Voters participates in every aspect of the election for every councilmember, but candidates file for a geographic ward and run "head-to-head" against other candidates from that area.
Nomination	By petition at-large	By petition at-ward	By petition, at-ward and at-large	By petition, at-ward and at-large	By petition at-large
Mechanism	Candidates file a petition with sufficient valid signatures	Candidates file a petition with sufficient valid signatures	Candidates file a petition with sufficient valid signatures	Candidates file a petition with sufficient valid signatures	Candidates file a petition with sufficient valid signatures
Who decides?	All city voters may sign the petition	Only ward voters may sign the petition	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	All city voters may sign the petition
Primary	Elimination primary, by field	Elimination primary, by ward	Elimination primary, by field and by ward	Elimination primary by place and by ward	Elimination primary, by place
Mechanism	Election by all city voters, if more than twice the number of candidates file as there are vacant seats to be filled	Election by ward voters, if more than two candidates file for a given seat	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Election by all city voters, if more than two candidates file for a given seat; and same as "ward" for those respective races	Election by all city voters, if more than two candidates file for a given seat
Who decides?	All city voters	Ward voters	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	All city voters
How do they decide?	Each voter may choose candidates up to the number of vacant seats to be filled	Each voter chooses one candidate	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Each voter chooses one candidate per seat and votes for every seat
Next step	Candidates with the most votes move on to the general; twice the vacancies to be filled	The two candidates with the most votes move on to the general for the ward	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	The two candidates with the most votes move on to the general for each district
General	Field election at-large	Head-to-head at-ward	At-large election by field and ward election head-to-head	At-large election and ward election head-to-head	Head-to-head district election at-large
Mechanism	Election by all city voters	Election by ward voters	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Election by all city voters
Who decides?	All city voters	Ward voters	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	All city voters
How do they decide?	Each voter may choose up to the number of vacant seats	Each voter chooses one candidate	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Each voter may chose one candidate per district
Next step	Candidates with the most votes win, up to the number of vacant seats to be filled	Candidate with the most votes wins	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Same as "at-large" and "ward" for those respective races	Candidate with the most votes in each district wins that seat